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SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. RESIDENT FRG AMBASSADOR HEINZ VOIGT, ON AUGUST 30, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SODER ON BEHALF OF THE SEVEN GOVERNMENTS, PRESENTED HER WITH COPY OF BONN DECLARATION, AND INVITED GOS TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY ITS SUPPORT OF THE DECLARATION. FOREIGN MINISTER SODER INFORMED AMBASSADOR VOIGT THAT THE GOS IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE POSITION OF THE SEVEN AND THAT A GROUP OF SWEDISH EXPERTS IS ALREADY STUDYING THE SUBJECT. MRS. SODER NOTED SWEDEN MUST CONSULT WITH ITS SAS PARTNERS AND THAT MATTER MAY BE DISCUSSED AT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN STOCKHOLM THIS WEEK. REACTIONS OF HER FELLOW NORDICS WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE POSITIVE, SAID MRS. SODER.

2. AMBASSADOR KENNEDY-MINOTT MADE FOLLOW-UP CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 30. HANS
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BJORK, OF MFA'S LEGAL DIVISION, WAS ALSO PRESENT.
LEIFLAND AND BJORK EXPRESSED GOS SYMPATHY WITH BONN DECLARATION BUT NOTED NEUTRAL SWEDEN'S PROBLEM WITH SYSTEM ENTAILING COMPULSORY SANCTIONS. WHEN SANCTIONS WERE DISCUSSED IN ROME IN 1973, GOS DECIDED THAT COMPULSORY SANCTIONS DETERMINED BY MAJORITY VOTE WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH SWEDEN'S POSITION AS A NEUTRAL. EMBOFF EXPLAINED

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THAT MECHANISM AGREED TO AT AUGUST 1-2 BONN EXPERTS MEETING ENVISIONS IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ONLY UPON UNANIMOUS VOTE OF PARTICIPANTS, AND NOT BY MAJORITY VOTE. ABSENT UNANIMITY, EACH PARTICIPANT WOULD BE FREE TO CHOOSE AN INDEPENDENT COURSE OF ACTION. LEIFLAND AND BJORK THOUGHT THIS WOULD RESOLVE ANY HESITATIONS SWEDEN MIGHT HAVE ABOUT ADHERING TO DECLARATION. MATTER IS NOW IN HANDS OF GOS EXPERTS REPRESENTING VARIOUS CONCERNED MINISTRIES.

3. LEIFLAND ADDED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH SAS PARTNERS WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER, I.E., SOMETIME AFTER THE SECOND BONN EXPERTS MEETING. THE DANES, WHO ARE ACTING AS BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SEVEN AND THE NORDICS, BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE TO SCHEDULE NORDIC MEETING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS BONN EXPERTS IRON OUT REMAINING QUESTION MARKS.

4. BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHE. FRENCH AND JAPANESE AMBASSADORS HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS OR PLANS TO DO SO AT PRESENT.
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